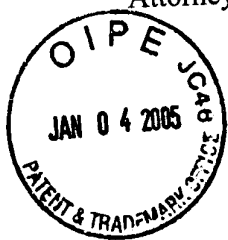


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 8, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter this amendment and to consider the remarks that follow.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the **listing of claims** that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.